

Information for Foreign Nationals Interested in Applying to the NASA Space Radiation Summer School

The following is provided as introductory information to foreign nationals who are interested in applying for the summer school. It was obtained either in whole or in part from the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection web sites, which are referenced in several places on this page. Please be sure to review all referenced online information or contact the local U.S. Embassy to verify current entrance requirements and to obtain any forms necessary to apply for a United States visa.

Please note that applicants selected for the NASA Space Radiation Summer School are not 'enrolled' in an accredited institution of higher learning nor are university course credits awarded for the three-week course. As a result, summer school participants are not classified as students for visa/immigration purposes. The NASA Space Radiation Summer School is considered vocational training. Please be advised that the course sponsors are unable to issue any visa application documents to the selected participants, other than a Letter of Invitation which may be used to apply for a US visitor visa if needed.

If you are a foreign national who will need to travel to the United States if selected for the summer school, please familiarize yourself with the requirements for temporary entrance to the United States. Detailed information is available online from the U.S. Department of State online at: http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html.

Many citizens from Visa Waiver Program countries may be able to travel to the U.S. without a visa if they meet certain requirements. The **Visa Waiver Program (VWP)** enables citizens of certain countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. VWP eligible travelers may still apply for a visa, if they prefer to do so. Not all countries participate in the VWP and not all travelers from VWP countries meet the program eligibility requirements. Please review the Visa Waiver Program information provided online by [The U.S. Department of State](#) and [The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#).

The CBP provides comprehensive information for International Visitors including current passport and visa requirements and Frequently Asked Questions on their web site at: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/.

Citizens of foreign countries that are not part of the VWP will need to obtain some type of a **nonimmigrant visa**. If you are a citizen of a country that does not participate in the Visa Waiver Program or if you are not eligible for the VWP, it is recommended that you apply for a **B1 Business Visitor Visa to enter the US if you are selected for the summer school**.